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SUBJECT: USARM HONG KONG CY1977 BUDGET PROPOEALS

1. WE ARE TRANSMITTING BY OM FULL DESCRIPTION OF USARM PROPOSALS FOR 1977. SUMMARY FOLLOWS. AS WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH FUNDING WILL BE AVAILABLE, WE HAVE DIVIDED ALL EXISTING PROPOSALS INTO THREE ORDERS OF PRIORITY.

2. FIRST ORIPRITY: PROJECTS OF DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE BENFIT ONLY TO REFUGEES, AND CONTINUATION OF PRESENT SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (IRC), CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS), INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE (ISS), AND HONG KONG CHRISTIAN COUNCIL (HKCC). THE CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN IN FORCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND PROVIDE SERVICES THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT REFUGEES. SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CY1976 (ACTUAL)			CY1977 (PROPOSED)		
REGULAR	SPECIAL	TOTAL	REGULAR	SPECIAL	TOTAL
US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
IRC 56,000	-	56,000	72,800	1,500	74,360
CRS 97,830	17,000	114,830	115,680	-	115,680
ISS 24,608	-	24,608	29,420	4,100	33,520
HKCC 94,562	-	94,562	108,285	415	108,700
IRC (UPGRADING OF REFUGEE HOETEL)	-		-	45,000	45,000
TOTAL 273,000	17,000	290,000	326,185	51,075	377,260

MOST OF THE INCREASES IN TH CONTRACTS ARE DUE TO INCREASED LABOR COSTS AND THE CHANGE IN THE EXCHANGE RATE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR

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TO THE U.S. DOLLAR. THE IRC PROPOSAL FOR UPGRADING OF REFUGEE

HOSTEL WOULD BE A NEW CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

3. SECOND PRIORITY: CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN MACAU BENEFITING GROUPS WHICH INCLUDE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF REFUGEES.

CRS - FIVE-STORY RESETTLEMENT HOUSING	\$200,000
CRS - IMPROVEMENT TO AUDITORIUM AT SANTA ROSA DE LIMA	22,000
TOTAL	\$222,000

4. THIRD PRIORITY: CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER PROJECTS IN HONG KONG BENEFITING GROUP WHICH INCLUDE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF REFUGEES (LISTED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY).

CRS - WELFARE AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER	\$100,000
HKCC - SCHOOL BUS FOR ST. SIMON'S SERVICE CENTER	14,700
HKCC - ADDITIONAL HOUSING UNITS AT YIM TIN TSAI VILLAGE	109,000
HKCC - KINDERGARDN AT SAAN MUN T AI, TAIPO, N.T.	42,000
TOTAL	\$265,700

5. TOTALS FOR EACH PRIORITY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST PRIORITY	\$377,260
SECOND PRIORITY	222,000
THIRD PRIORITY	265,700
TOTAL	\$864,960

6. PROJECTS IN FIRST PRIORITY BENEFIT ONLY REFUGEES. PROJECTS IN SECOND AND THIRD PRIORITIES ARE IN AREAS HEAVILY POPULATED BY REFUGEES AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND MOST OF THE BENEFICIARIES ARE REFUGEES, WE BELIEVE HIGHER PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROJECTS IN MACAU, AS THE ECONOMY IS NOT NEARLY AS DEVELOPED AS THAT IN HONG KONG, AND THE MACANESE GOVERNMENT HAS FEWER RESOURCES AT ITS DISPOSAL TO AID ITS OWN POPULATION.

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